

TEXAS GRAND JURY SHARPLY ARRAIGNS KU KLUX ACTIVITIES

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PORT WORTH, Nov. 11.—Strongly denouncing the Ku Klux Klan from both a legal and a moral standpoint, the Grand Jury in District Judge J. R. Hamilton's court, which has been investigating the organization, has handed in its report. Among other matters therein contained is the accusation of Sheriff W. D. Miller of Travis County that he is a Klansman, having paid \$16.50 as an entrance fee. The Chief of Police of Austin and a city detective, the Grand Jury stated, refused to say whether or not they were members. A list of Austin citizens supposed to be Klansmen was also turned over to the court. No true bills were returned.

This investigation was ordered by Judge Hamilton after the Klan had invaded the city, after various citizens had received warnings to leave town, and after Eddie Jones had been killed and feathered. The Grand Jury report, signed by Guy A. Collett, ex-Foreman, read in part:

"Even if the Klan would drive from our midst some characters we could not afford to lose from a National consideration of the problem, we do not permanently profit by the gain, for other cities like ourselves could drive on their underlings. Some men could be condemned where all victims of the Klan could be massed and then this man-made hell regulated, the world would experience only an enlargement of the penitentiary system whose inmates have been denied trial. But if this were done there would be a sad and lasting because the system is not based on legal practices, and this element is too firm for even the best intentions, carried out unlawfully, to long succeed.

"If the list of members were published, in view of the whippings, lacerations and warnings, there are many to this city who would seek revenge. We would have furious factions armed for self-protection, who would cry through the streets, 'To hell with the law!'

A second Texas Grand Jury, sitting in Maclellan County to investigate the incident of the Ku Klux parade in Joplin, where Louis Crow was killed and nine other men were wounded, following the attempt of Sheriff Robert Buchanan to halt the parade, has also reported and has declined to return any indictments.

In its report, filed with District Judge Richard L. Moore, the jury expressed disapproval of the methods of suppression adopted by Buchanan and his deputies, declaring that if the sheriff was determined to prevent the parade, he should have dispersed the time where it was forming. "So as not to endanger lives," because he failed to do this, the report states, there came about the tragic results which the whole country is familiar with.

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NEW MAYOR WILL MAKE YOUNGSTOWN OHIO'S MODEL CITY

Plans to Close It, He Says, to
Bootleggers, Thugs and
Criminals.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Nov. 11.—"I expect to allow Sunday moving picture shows," stated George L. Oles, Mayor-elect, in announcing his platform last evening. "As long as they run clean shows and no underwear exhibitions. If they use common horse sense we'll get along all right. But

not one carnival will be permitted to play in Youngstown." With his wife and two children, Oles will leave to-day for Florida, where he will remain until Jan. 1, when he will assume his duties as Mayor. He succeeds Fred J. Warrick, Republican, whom he defeated for re-election. "The soft drink license law will be enforced to the limit. Bootleggers have no place in the society of respectable people. A bootlegger is my idea of a human coodle." "I have been charged with saying the parks will be wide open. They will not be wide open. There will be enough police in the parks to see what is going on, and none of them will be asleep. If they go to sleep once they will be fired. Young men and women are going to be allowed to walk through the parks together, and are certain to hold hands and spoon if they want, but immoral spooning won't be allowed. I've had the women tell me what is going on and I'll have a number of women detectives. "And I expect every mother in this

city to be a policeman for me. You can't put anything over on the mothers. They know too much about human nature. "Youngtown youngsters are going to find out that we have a curfew law, and parents won't keep their children at home after that hour, will find them locked up to keep them from going to the devil. Our young people must be protected. If you bring up a child in the way it should go, the chances are it will not stray far from the path later on. I'll have enough women policemen to take care of the young girls on the streets, and the girls who can't give reasonable answers will be taken home. "Street walkers will have to walk the streets of some other city. "Fortune tellers and clairvoyants will find their business on the bum. They are frauds. No woman or man can look in a pipeful of smoke or a deck of cards and tell me what's going to happen. I don't need to look at a deck of cards to tell what's going to happen to them. They're going to leave town or stop taking people's money. "I am going to try something new on the speeders and start in with the police in the department. The flying machine at all right, but the police have no right to tear through our city

at the rate of sixty to eighty miles an hour, just to be spectacular. They'll get there just as soon traveling at a decent rate, and not driving like fools. The people who are found guilty of speeding will not get off with a fine. They'll go to jail. "The people who think I'm going to run an open town are going to wake up Jan. 1 and get the biggest shock of their lives. It's going to be down with the lid, and it's going to stay down, and all the politicians and grafters in Christendom won't pry that lid loose. We're going to have the cleanest city in Ohio, in the whole country, if I can do it. "They ask if I am going to close the town up. I am—to immoral houses, bootleggers, street walkers, thugs and criminals."

appropriation was contained in the Federal Highway Act, passed a few days ago. Of this State's allotment \$314,290 is now available, and \$225,580 will be obtainable on Jan. 1 next. These amounts are in addition to the unexpended balance of \$1,518,480, from allotments to the State under the provisions of former Federal aid acts. More road work will be started immediately, it is understood.

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